

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

The Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the indication of the allowability of claims 4, 13, 14, 16, 17, 21-29, 31, and 32. The subject matter of these claims remains allowable. It should be noted that new claims 43-60 are added, and new claims 43-51 correspond to the claims as indicated as being allowable. Accordingly, claims 43-51 are clearly allowable.

Turning to the rejection of claim 28 as being indefinite, the claim is amended to address the identified issue. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claim 28 as being indefinite be withdrawn.

Turning to the rejections of claims in view of the patent to Laporte (U.S. Patent No. 6,286,518), either alone or in combination with teachings from the patent to Diaz (U.S. Patent No. 5,937,864), the rejections are respectfully traversed.

The Laporta patent discloses a device that has a dispensing head with two lateral rows of teeth (5). As best shown in Fig. 4 of the Laporta patent, the teeth (5) are not arranged around a closed oval curve. Accordingly, the Laporta patent, either alone or in combination with teachings provided by the Diaz patent, does not satisfy the claim limitations. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the presently pending claims are allowable.

In order to expedite the present application toward eventual allowance, the Applicants' representative would like to conduct an interview with the Examiner. As

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such, once the Examiner has had a chance to review this amendment the Examiner is explicitly requested to contact the undersigned Applicants' representative in order to arrange such an interview.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 35485.

Respectfully submitted,

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